

# Little Beans

Weymouth



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## Hello Summertime!

### ----- WELCOME WARMER WEATHER

April is a busy and exciting month for us as we welcome the arrival of spring and begin our curriculum focus on 'Life Cycles'.

We currently have some tiny caterpillars, giving all the children the wonderful opportunity to watch their amazing transformation into beautiful butterflies!



#### Support at Home:

To support your child's learning at nursery, feel free to speak with their key worker for ideas you can continue at home.

You could also explore the outdoors together—looking out for signs of spring such as blooming flowers, birds building nests, and newborn lambs as nature comes to life with the longer, warmer days.

You might also enjoy a simple activity like planting and growing seeds together—cress is a great option as it's quick and easy to grow in a bowl.

We will be hosting 'Bring a Plant Month' and are asking parents and carers to donate a plant which your child can plant in our garden. If you also have any old plant pots or planters we would love to take them off your hands!



We are also hoping to make a music wall, so if you have any old pots and pans & wooden spoons, or any old musical instruments you would like to donate we would be truly grateful.

### This month

----- WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT LIFE IN SPRING, MINIBEASTS AND APRIL SHOWERS.....

There will be wonderful learning experiences in April and the children will learn about:

#### Easter

- We will celebrate Easter by listening to songs and stories about Easter
- Participate in our Easter Bonnet Parade
- Develop an awareness of Easter symbolisms e.g. Easter bonnets, bunnies, carrots, eggs, chicks.

#### Growth and New Life

- Name and identify baby animals on the farm.
- Develop an awareness of new life in Spring e.g. buds on trees, flowers in gardens, frogs and chicks.
- Observe first-hand the life-cycle of a butterfly.
- Develop an awareness of stages of their own personal growth from baby to now.
- Develop understanding of care of babies and develop empathy towards them.
- Develop understanding of planting processes of vegetables and flowers.
- Participate in a wide range of planting activities and begin to understand the planting and growing process.

#### Minibeasts

- Develop respect for living things and learn how to care for mini-beasts i.e. caterpillars as they transition to butterflies.
- Name a variety of mini-beasts and their body parts e.g. wing, leg, antennae.
- Become familiar with mini-beast's habitats and their environment (fields, lakes, pond, river, flowers, moss etc.).
- Count the number of legs etc. of the various mini-beasts through their play, songs, rhymes and stories.



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# Little Beans Celebrates!

## Events in April 2026

### 1<sup>st</sup> April - April Fool's Day!

Celebrated all over the world as a morning of jokes and tricks - but don't play a trick after noon - or you are the fool! The Little Beans will be talking about the jokes and tricks they played on their families and trying hard to make each other laugh!

### Easter (Easter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April)

The Little Beans will be talking about Easter the first week of April and engaging in activities based around Easter and Spring! We will be searching high and low for Easter Eggs, trying hot cross buns and seeing who can design the best Easter Egg!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April - International Children's Book Day

The Little Beans will be celebrating books and stories all month long in celebration of international children's book day and talking about our favourites!

### 22<sup>nd</sup> April - World Earth Day

Worldwide event to raise awareness of the environmental issues which face the whole of planet Earth! The Little Beans will be using this day to engage in lots of recycling and junk modelling activities, as well as talking about our home and how important it is to look after our World.



### 23<sup>rd</sup> April - St George's Day

The patron saint of England's bravery will be celebrated by talking all about how we are brave! We will also be looking at the England flag and designing our own!



### 25<sup>th</sup> April - Penguin Day

We will celebrate this day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Awareness day to highlight the dangers that penguin's habitats face, as well as the number of penguin species which are endangered.



### 29<sup>th</sup> April - International Dance Day

A celebration day for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance". The Little Beans will try out all their dance moves!

### REMINDER! WE ARE CLOSED:

- GOOD FRIDAY - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026
- EASTER MONDAY - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## CORE BOOKS

----- Happy reading



We have chosen specific 'core books' which we want our children to know well by the time they leave nursery. These books are the type of books that can be re-visited again and again, on different levels to support language development.

The idea is that children will develop language and increase vocabulary in addition to gaining a love of books and will become very familiar with these known texts so that they can remember and re-tell them.

Our shared reading plan includes strategies which encourage the children to join in, so that the experience of reading becomes interactive and the children begin to learn the story as they are read to. In each book there is lots to discuss so that the children understand the vocabulary as well as what is happening.

All of our core books have pictures, which support the text but also compliment and add to it. We discuss the pictures and what is happening in them as much as the text. We find our children learn parts / all of the books word for word after a while, which can give them great confidence as early readers in terms of fluency when reading.

This term we will be focusing on 'Jack and the Beanstalk' & 'The Hungry Caterpillar' to extend the children's interest in growing and mini-beasts.





# Little Bean's Recipe of the Month

## Vegetable Stir Fry

### ----- INGREDIENTS

- 1 Carton of Tomato Passata
- 1 Vegetable Stock Cube
- 20ml of Soy Sauce
- 1/2 tbsp of Ground Garlic
- 1 tbsp of Chinese 5 Spice
- 250g of Mixed Vegetables
- 200g of Rice or Noodles

### Top Tip:

If you want to add chicken or pork, fry the meat separately in a little oil until cooked through and then add to the noodle and vegetable mix after step 5

### ----- METHOD

1. Boil the rice or noodles for 15 minutes then add the vegetables and boil for a further 15 minutes.
2. Drain the noodles and vegetables and then add the passata and soy sauce, mix well.
3. Simmer on a medium heat for 10 minutes.
4. Add the spices to the mixture and simmer for a further 15 minutes.
5. Add boiling water if necessary.

-----Enjoy!

### TERM DATES FOR TERM TIME ONLY (TTO) CHILDREN:

#### Spring Term

Term 1 – Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term – Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Term 2 – Monday 23rd February 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holiday – Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

#### Summer Term

Term 1 – Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

Half Term – Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Term 2 – Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

Summer Holidays – Monday 20th July 2026 – Friday 28th August 2026

### TERM DATES FOR ALL YEAR ROUND (AYR) CHILDREN:

#### Academic year 2025/2026

Monday 1st Sept 2025 -Friday 28th Aug 2026

Autumn term 1st September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025 (16 weeks)

Spring Term 22nd December 2025 - 5th January 2026 – 28th March 2026 (13 weeks)

Summer Term 31st March 2026 – 29th August 2026 (22 weeks)

### Bank Holidays 2026 (nursery closed)

Thursday 1st January 2026

Friday 3rd April 2026

Monday 6th April 2026

Monday 4th May 2026

Monday 25th May 2026

Monday 31st August 2026

Friday 25th December 2026

Monday 28th December 2026



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# Housekeeping!

## Welcome



Mollie joins us as an apprentice working in our Little Beans Baby Room and we are really enjoying having her on the team.

*"I am really excited to be joining the Little Beans team as a Level 3 Apprentice. I am passionate about working with children and supporting their early development. I am looking forward to getting to know the children and all the staff!"*

## Congratulations!



We would like to congratulate Keeley on attaining her Level 2 Diploma in Early Years Education last month. Such a great achievement and we are very proud of her and all the hard work and dedication that she has put in to her work and studies.

## Reminders

With the weather warming up don't forget sunhats for your little beans!

Please also remember to label everything so we can reduce the amount of lost property!

Thank you – Little Beans Team Weymouth

## Facebook and Instagram

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram page, give us a 'like' and 'follow' to keep updated with dates and reminders. We also add photos regularly of what your Little Beans have been up to. You can also leave reviews!

<https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansweymouth>  
Search on Instagram under 'Little Beans Day Care'

## Little Beans Website

Our website also has lots of useful information which we up-date each month. We put all newsletters, menus, and dates for the diary on it.

You can check the website to keep updated with what's going on [www.littlebeansdaycare.com](http://www.littlebeansdaycare.com)



## April 2026 – we will be singing.....

### I Dig my Garden

*I dig my garden, dig, dig, dig  
I dig my garden I dig it deep  
I plant some seeds and I  
watch them grow,  
But along comes a rabbit  
and oh no!  
He eats my carrots,  
Munch, munch, munch  
He eats my carrots he  
eats the whole bunch  
I run to my garden and I shoo,  
shoo,  
shoo  
But the rabbit will come back,  
Oh what will I do, But the rabbit  
will  
come back, Oh what will I do?*



### One Little Bunny

*One little, two little,  
three little bunnies,  
Four little, five little, six  
little bunnies,  
seven little, eight little  
nine little bunnies,  
Ten little bunnies  
hopping round.*



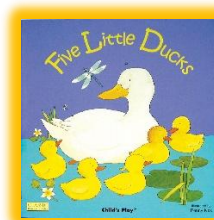
### Five Little Speckled Frogs

*Five little speckled frogs sat on a  
speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs (yum  
yum!)  
One jumped into the pool, where it  
was nice and cool  
Then there were four speckled frogs  
(glug glug!)  
Continue 4,3,2,1,*



### Five Little Ducks

*Five little ducks went  
swimming one  
day  
Over the hill and far away  
Mummy duck shouts quack,  
quack,  
quack, quack,  
But only four little ducks came  
back.  
Four little ducks. . . .  
Three little ducks . . .  
Two little ducks . . .  
One little duck . . .*



## **It is Spring Time**

**To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"**

*It is Spring time.*

*It is Spring time.*

*Winter's gone!*

*Winter's gone!*

*Soon it will be summer.*

*Soon it will be summer.*

*It won't be long.*

*It won't be long.*



## **Pigs in the Mud**

*Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"*

*Roll, roll, roll around*

*In the mud all day.*

*That is what the pigs all do.*

*What a way to play! That is how they stay,*

*Oh, so very nice and cool On a sunny day.*



## **I'm a Little Piggy**

**Sung to: "I'm a little Teapot"**

*I'm a little piggy Short and stout*

*Here are my ears*

*Here is my snout*

*When I see the*

*Farmer in the dell,*

*I oink, oink, oink*

*and wiggle my tail.*

*Here is a pig fat and round.*

*He uses his snout to dig up the ground.*

*Here is a turkey, and a rooster, too.*

*He crows with a "Cock-a-doodle-doo!"*

*Here is a cow who gives us milk.*

*Her nose is cold and soft as silk.*

*Here is a sheep, "Baa-baa" she goes.*

*She gives us the wool to make our clothes.*

*Here is a peeping baby duck.*

*Here is a hen that says, "Cluck, cluck!"*

